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RACIAL INTEGRITY

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI November 27, 1958

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Dear Friend:

It is obvious that the years 1959-1960 will be decisive in the South's struggle to maintain its right to self government and racial integrity.

You are aware that additional Civil Rights legislation, and legislation to curb debate in the Senate, is impending in the United States Congress at the insistence of the organized minority groups.

You have seen Southerners subjected to the mailed fist of tyranny at Little Rock. It is one thing to be subjected to tyranny and quite another to submit to it. To their everlasting glory the white citizens of Little Rock did not submit.

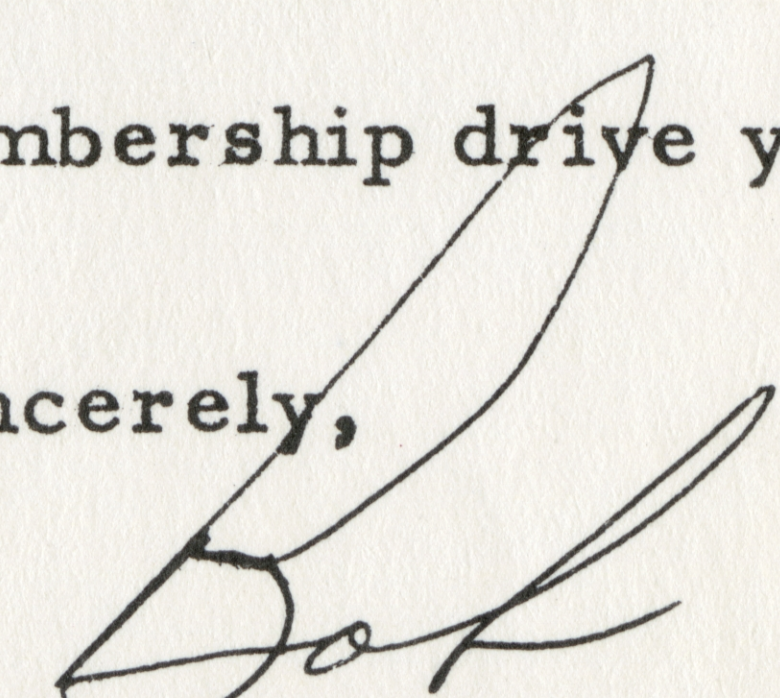
The Citizens' Council is not afraid of the integrationists, but is concerned about the apathy and complacency of its friends who hope that "George will do it," and who have "too little, too late" when the fight reaches them.

If each local organization will bear its share of the burden of financing and supporting your State Association, we will be well prepared for the struggle that lies ahead.

We realize that in the long run, it will be our unyielding fortitude that will impress citizens in other sections of this country-not our lamentations. We realize that the outcome of this battle for survival depends upon the unceasing patriotism, courage and ingenuity of the white South. This means you and me and all of our friends and neighbors. This means organization. It means money to carry on an effective organizational and educational program.

Has your Council started its fall membership drive yet? If not, why not? Let us hear from you!

Sincerely,

  
Robert B. Patterson  
Secretary

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